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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**Feb 20, 2025**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD LEE VAN NOTE, II,

Defendant.

No. 4:24-CR-06023-MKD

ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO  
CONTINUE AND MOTION TO  
EXPEDITE, AND FOURTH CASE  
MANAGEMENT ORDER

**ECF Nos. 30, 32**

On February 20, 2025, the Court held a pretrial conference. ECF No. 33. Defendant appeared and was represented by AFD Nick Mirr. AUSA Laurel Holland represented the United States.

Defendant filed a Motion to Continue Trial and Set New Pretrial Conference and Related Deadlines, ECF No. 30, and related Motion to Expedite, ECF No. 32. Defendant states a continuance is necessary to review discovery, investigate the United States' allegations, and prepare a competent defense. Defendant has filed a Waiver of Speedy Trial Rights, accompanied by a Statement of Reasons, in

1 support of the motion. ECF No. 34. The United States does not object to a  
2 continuance. *See* ECF No. 33.

3 The Court has reviewed the file, has heard from counsel, and is fully  
4 informed. The Court finds that, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,  
5 the current trial date of March 10, 2025, would deprive defense counsel of  
6 adequate time to obtain and review discovery and conduct effective preparation.  
7 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Therefore, the Court finds that the ends of justice  
8 are served by a continuance in this matter and further that the ends of justice served  
9 by a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a  
10 speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

11 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

12 **1.** Defendant's Motion to Continue Trial and Set New Pretrial  
13 Conference and Related Deadlines, **ECF No. 30**, and Motion to Expedite,  
14 **ECF No. 32**, are **GRANTED**.

15 **2.** The current trial date of **March 10, 2025**, is **STRICKEN** and **RESET**  
16 for **April 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**, commencing with a final pretrial  
17 conference at **8:30 a.m.** Trial shall take place in **Richland**, Washington.

18 **3.** A pretrial conference is **SET** for **March 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** in  
19 **Richland**, Washington.

20 **4.** Counsel for defense shall notify Defendant of all hearings and ensure

Defendant's attendance at court.

**5. Local Criminal Rules.** Counsel shall comply with the Eastern District of Washington Local Criminal Rules of Procedure (LCrR), except where specifically modified below or by subsequent Order.

**6. Emailing the Court.** Where this Order requires counsel to email documents to the Court, all documents shall be attached to the email in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or rich-text (.rtf) format. The subject line of each email shall be formatted as follows:

[Case No.]; [Case Name]; [Title of Document]

(e.g.: 13-cr-9999-MKD; USA v. Doe; Trial Brief)

**7. Discovery**

**A.** All discovery documents must be Bates-stamped with a unique identifier and must be produced digitally in a text-searchable format. The Court will grant relief from this requirement only in exceptional circumstances, upon motion and good cause shown.

**B.** Production of discovery shall be governed by Local Criminal Rule 16. *See* LCrR 16.

**C.** The Court presumes a request for discovery and disclosure under Federal Rules of Evidence 404(b), 608(b), and 609,

1 *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), *Giglio v. United States*,  
2 405 U.S. 150 (1972), *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29  
3 (9th Cir. 1991), and their progeny, and as such these items are  
4 ordered disclosed by the deadline set forth in Local Criminal  
5 Rule 16.

6 **D.** At arraignment or within 14 days thereafter, the United States is  
7 required to disclose evidence relating to Defendant's guilt or  
8 punishment that might reasonably be considered favorable to  
9 the Defendant. *See* LCrR 16(a)(6); *see also Brady*, 373 U.S.  
10 83; *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976); Fed. R. Crim.  
11 P. 5(f).<sup>1</sup> This is a continuing duty for newly discovered  
12 evidence. LCrR 16(c); *see also* ECF No. 18.

13 **E.** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(2),  
14 failure to comply may result in an order permitting the  
15 discovery or inspection; granting a continuance; or any other  
16 order that is just under the circumstances (including contempt,  
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18 <sup>1</sup> Nothing in this requirement enlarges or diminishes the United States' obligation  
19 to disclose information and evidence to the Defendant under *Brady* and its  
20 progeny.

sanctions, referral to a disciplinary authority, dismissal of charges, exclusion of evidence or witnesses, and adverse jury instructions).

**8. Expert Witness Summaries**

**A.** When each party produces to opposing counsel summaries of its expert witness testimony for which disclosure is required under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 and Local Criminal Rule 16, counsel shall also email an electronic copy of the summary to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

**B.** All summaries of expert witness testimony must conform to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, Local Criminal Rule 16, and applicable case law interpreting those Rules. The Court will not permit an expert witness to testify about opinions which are not explicitly expressed in that expert's summary. *See, e.g., United States v. W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499 (9th Cir. 2008).

**9. CM/ECF Technical Assistance.** Parties requiring technical assistance concerning the CM/ECF system, such as the procedures for filing non-scannable exhibits, shall consult the District's "Electronic How To" page (<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/electronic-how>) or contact the

CM/ECF Help Desk by phone at (866) 236-5100 or (509) 458-3410 or by email at [ecfinfo@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:ecfinfo@waed.uscourts.gov). Inquiries requesting technical assistance concerning the CM/ECF system shall not be directed to the Judge's chambers.

## 10. Motions Practice

A. **Generally.** All motions shall either be: a) noted for hearing without oral argument fourteen (14) days after filing, or b) noted for hearing with oral argument at the pretrial conference pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 12(c). Responses and replies to motions must be filed in accordance with Local Criminal Rule 45 and 47, which incorporate the requirements of Local Civil Rule 7.1.

B. **Expedited Hearing.** Any party seeking an expedited hearing on a time-sensitive matter must comply with Local Criminal Rule 12(c)(3).

C. If a case has more than one defendant, the Court will construe any motion, including motions to continue, as applying to *all* defendants, unless that defendant indicates they do not wish to be joined in the motion. **Defendants thus do not need to file motions to join. Any Defendant wishing to opt out of a**

1 motion shall file a notice so stating within seven days of the  
2 filing of the motion.

3 **D. Sealed Documents.** Any and all sealed documents shall be  
4 filed by the parties under the sealed event as a sealed document.  
5 The parties are not required to file a separate motion to seal a  
6 document. The parties shall file any objections to a sealed  
7 document by no later than five days after the filing of the sealed  
8 document. The Court will thereafter review the sealed  
9 document and any objections filed to determine whether the  
10 document should be unsealed. Any party filing a sealed  
11 document shall email [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov) to  
12 inform the Court of the filing. The email shall note the ECF  
13 number of the sealed document and the general nature of the  
14 document.

15 **11. Witness Testimony.** At any hearing, including trial, in which witness  
16 testimony is given, the witness must testify in Court. Absent exceptional  
17 circumstances, a testifying witness may not appear by telephone or video  
18 conference.

19 **12. Trial Continuances**

20 **A. Motion Deadline.** All motions to continue the trial must be

1 heard before or at the pretrial conference. **Any motion to**  
2 **continue trial made after the pretrial conference has**  
3 **occurred will not be granted absent exceptional**  
4 **circumstances.**

5 **B. *Statement of Reasons.*** If the Defendant seeks a continuance, a  
6 Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons in support of  
7 the motion to continue must be filed contemporaneously with  
8 the motion.<sup>2</sup> The Statement of Reasons must 1) be signed by  
9 the Defendant, 2) be signed by a certified translator, if  
10 applicable, and 3) indicate the latest date upon which Defendant  
11 is willing to proceed to trial. **The Court requests that the**  
12 **Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons extend two**  
13 **weeks past the new proposed trial date.**

14 **C. *Procedure.*** Before filing a motion to continue, counsel shall  
15 first contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to obtain  
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17 <sup>2</sup> The Court's Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons form can be found at  
18 the following link:

19 [https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiv](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiver%205-13-22.docx)  
20 [er%205-13-22.docx](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiver%205-13-22.docx)



new pretrial conference and trial dates consistent with the length of the requested trial continuance. Thereafter, counsel shall confer with opposing counsel regarding case management deadlines<sup>3</sup> consistent with the new pretrial conference and trial date. **All motions to continue must include proposed case management deadlines (either joint or individual) to ensure the to-be-imposed deadlines are best suited to this case.**

### **13. Pretrial Conference**

**A.** The Pretrial Conference is scheduled as indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below. At this hearing, the Court will hear **ALL** pretrial motions that are noted for oral argument.

**B.** All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last no more than **thirty (30) minutes**, with each side allotted **fifteen (15) minutes** to present their own motions and resist motions by opposing counsel. If any party anticipates requiring longer than

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<sup>3</sup> A form with the Court's standard case management deadlines can be found at the following link:

<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Proposed%20CMO%20Dates%20for%20Public%20Website.docx>

1 fifteen minutes, that party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at  
2 least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails**  
3 **to provide this notice will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.**

4 C. If a motion is to be heard with oral argument, and a party plans  
5 to call witnesses or present exhibits, that party must file an  
6 exhibit and/or witness list by no later than **72 hours** before the  
7 hearing on the motion.

8 D. If a party intends to use a laptop, thumb drive, or DVD or CD  
9 for presentation of documents, or audio or video recordings,  
10 that party must contact the Courtroom Deputy at least **one week**  
11 prior to the hearing and confirm the compatibility of the  
12 technology and equipment.

13 E. If a party intends to use a demonstrative exhibit, such as a  
14 PowerPoint presentation, it must be submitted to the Court and  
15 all opposing parties at least **24 hours** prior to its intended use.

16 **14. Exhibit Lists**

17 A. On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after  
18 conferring with counsel, each party shall file a list of exhibits  
19 the party intends to introduce at trial. Each party shall also  
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email copies of their exhibit list to the Court at

[DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

The parties shall provide their exhibit list in the following format:

Ex. #	Admitted	Description
1		Photograph of items seized
2		Aerial video surveillance from 1/1/2011.  Start Time: 01:03:23  End Time: 01:09:54

Exhibit lists shall include a unique exhibit number and a brief description of the exhibit. For all exhibits consisting of an audio or video file, the exhibit list must designate the precise beginning and ending time indexes of the portion of the file the party intends to use at trial.

**B.** The United States shall consecutively number their exhibits from **1 to 999**. In single-defendant cases, Defendant shall consecutively number exhibits from **1000 to 1999**; in multi-defendant cases, Defendants shall consecutively number exhibits from x000 to x999, substituting “x” for each Defendant’s assigned case identifier (e.g., Defendant 3 would

number exhibits from 3000 to 3999, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-marked for identification before trial commences.

**15. Witness Lists.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file and serve a list of witnesses that party intends to call to testify at trial. **The witness list must identify the existence, but need not include the name, of any confidential informant (CI) the United States intends to call to testify.** Parties shall email copies of their witness list to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

**16. Trial Briefs, Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form, and Requested Voir Dire.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a trial brief, proposed jury instructions and verdict form, and requested voir dire, in accordance with the requirements below. Each party shall email copies to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

**A. Trial Briefs.** Trial briefs shall not exceed twenty (20) pages without prior Court approval, upon motion and good cause shown.

**B. Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form.** Jury instructions shall 1) address issues that are unique to the case,

1 and 2) include instructions regarding the elements of each  
2 charge or defense. If a Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instruction  
3 exists for a particular charge or defense, the parties shall  
4 provide the model instruction or shall submit argument as to  
5 why the instruction is inadequate or no longer supported by  
6 law. Proposed jury instructions shall be accompanied by a  
7 proposed verdict form. **The parties must confer to develop**  
8 **joint proposed jury instructions and the verdict form.** The  
9 Court will only accept an individual party's proposed jury  
10 instructions on those points/issues upon which the parties could  
11 not agree, and only if the party's memoranda accompanying the  
12 individually-proposed instruction(s) sets forth the legal  
13 authority and justification for why the instruction is necessary.

14 **C. Requested Voir Dire.** The parties may request that the Court  
15 include specific questions during the Court's standard voir dire.  
16 Requested voir dire shall not duplicate information elicited in  
17 the Clerk's Office Jury Questionnaire ("COJQ") and the  
18 Court's Criminal Jury Trial Procedures Letter.

19 **17. Exhibit Binders.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines,  
20 after conferring with counsel, each party must provide to all other parties

1 and to the Court a Bates-stamped copy of all trial exhibits — or, in the case  
2 of physical exhibits, a photograph or other reproduction of the exhibit — the  
3 party intends to introduce at trial. All trial exhibits shall be organized  
4 sequentially by exhibit number in a three-ring binder.

5 **18. JERS**

6 **A.** The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS),  
7 a system that makes electronic evidence available in the jury  
8 room during deliberations. **Counsel shall promptly consult**  
9 **the Court’s “JERS Instructions for Attorneys”<sup>4</sup> to ensure**  
10 **they acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court in**  
11 **the necessary format.**

12 **B.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after  
13 conferring with counsel, each party who intends to introduce  
14 evidence at trial must supply a CD, DVD, or USB drive to the  
15 Courtroom Deputy containing all of that party’s exhibits in the  
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18 <sup>4</sup> This document can be found on the Court’s public website at the following link:  
19 [https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers\\_basics\\_for\\_lawyers](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers%207.2024.pdf)  
20 [%207.2024.pdf](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers%207.2024.pdf)

required format. Counsel may contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 with any questions.

**19. Trial Notices.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a notice that indicates the amount of time requested for opening statement and for voir dire. In addition, defense counsel must indicate if his/her client waives presence at sidebar and jury questions.

**20. Technology Readiness Meeting.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, any party seeking to offer video or audio evidence at trial must meet with Court staff at the location of the trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation systems. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

**21. Summary of Deadlines**

United States' Expert Disclosures	<b>February 27, 2025</b>
<b>All pretrial motions, including discovery motions, <i>Daubert</i> motions, and motions <i>in limine</i>, filed</b>	<b>March 6, 2025</b>
<b>PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b> <b><i>Deadline for motions to continue trial</i></b>	<b>March 27, 2025</b> <b>8:30 a.m. - RICHLAND</b>
CIs' identities and willingness to be interviewed disclosed to Defendant (if applicable)	<b>March 31, 2025</b>
Grand jury transcripts produced to Defendant Case Agent: CIs: Other Witnesses:	<b>March 31, 2025</b>
Exhibit lists filed and emailed to the Court	<b>March 31, 2025</b>

Witness lists filed and emailed to the Court	<b>March 31, 2025</b>
Trial briefs, jury instructions, verdict forms, and requested voir dire filed and emailed to the Court	<b>March 31, 2025</b>
Exhibit binders delivered to all parties and to the Court	<b>April 7, 2025</b>
Delivery of JERS-compatible digital evidence files to the Courtroom Deputy	<b>April 7, 2025</b>
Trial notices filed with the Court	<b>April 7, 2025</b>
Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	<b>April 7, 2025</b>
<b>FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>April 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. - RICHLAND</b>
<b>JURY TRIAL</b>	<b>April 14, 2025 9:00 a.m. - RICHLAND</b>

**22.** A Waiver of Speedy Trial Rights, accompanied by a Statement of Reasons, has been signed and filed by Defendant. **ECF No. 34.** All time from the current trial date of **March 10, 2025**, to the new trial date of **April 14, 2025**, is **EXCLUDED** for speedy trial calculations pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

**23.** All time from the filing of Defendant's Motion to Continue on **February 19, 2025**, to the date of the motion hearing on **February 20, 2025**, is **EXCLUDED** for speedy trial calculations pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(D).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel, the U.S. Probation Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service.



**DATED** February 20, 2025.

*s/Mary K. Dimke*

MARY K. DIMKE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE